

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.
WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL, LOWER LEVEL, ROOM B**

MINUTES

Present: Chair Mark Parker, Vice Chair Dan French, Andrew Massey, Marla Butts, Diane Wolff, Terry Bellman (Wetlands Agent), Tina Lajoie (Wetlands Clerk)
Others present: Scott & Tracy Parker, William & Ellen Rewinski, Margaret Washburn, Michael Bartlett (Hull Forest)

- I. Call to order** – Meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Parker at 7:30 p.m.
- II. Roll call** – Diane Wolff, Andrew Massey, Mark Parker, Marla Butts, Dan French
- III. Appointment of alternates** – None
- IV. Action on minutes of previous meetings - February 6, 2012**
MOTION BY MARLA BUTTS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 02-06-12, SECONDED BY DIANE WOLFF. MOTION CARRIED. Andrew Massey abstains since he was not present at the meeting.
- V. Old business** - None
- VI. New Business**
 - 1. #01-12-04 Scott Parker, 69 Dugg Hill Road – (Map 5132, Block 26, Lot 6)
Pond construction

Margaret Washburn, CT Soil Scientist, was contracted to delineate the wetlands and assist the property owners with the required submissions. The plan was reviewed by the agency and a detailed explanation was provided by Ms. Washburn as to the work that was done. She claims the soils were extensively disturbed in the past because it was a gravel mine. Scott is proposing to remove the stockpile and loam and seed the area and also spread some of the top soil around his house. Stock pile of 480 SF near the old ditch is in wetlands and they are proposing to make that into a remediation area and remove off site and seed. She states that this pond appears to be operating as a vernal pool. It is shallow and there are no fish and it does not appear suitable for trout. Agency would like to know what the bottom elevation of the pond is. According to Scott Parker, it appears to be 4 to 5 feet deep. There is discussion on inlet control that would allow for the prevention of debris build up in the pipe. One of the concerns from the last meeting was the slope from the top of the pond construction down and into it. If the slope is too great on the southern side, the bank could collapse. Pond elevation at the time of the survey was 96.2. The measurement on the outlet control structure is requested and should be less than 3 feet to avoid any spillage

onto the neighboring property. Agency will need the following for the next meeting:

- a. Control structure details to include how it will be screened and height
- b. Contributing drainage area
- c. Plan showing elevation below 98 feet so neighbors will not be flooded
- d. How are the numbers derived for elevation? What datum?
- e. Maximum depth of the pond.

Agency members will visit the site before the next meeting. They would prefer going separately since having an official site walk requires notice, agenda and minutes and they would like to avoid a formal meeting.

MOTION BY MARLA BUTTS TO ACCEPT APPLICATION #01-12-04 FOR CONSIDERATION, WITH REQUESTED INFORMATION, SECONDED BY ANDREW MASSEY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(Upon the request of IWWA Clerk, Tina Lajoie to add Michael Bartlett of Hull Forest Products to the agenda, Chairman Parker polled the group and it is agreed to allow Mr. Bartlett to address the Agency regarding Timber Harvest application procedures.)

2. Michael Bartlett, a forester of Hull Forest Products is asking for clarification on timber harvest submissions since the procedure has changed over the last six months. He states that in the past the applications were quickly reviewed by the wetlands agent and there were no unnecessary delays. The last application was held up for a few months and he wondered if there were problems that should be discussed. The application that is used in the State of CT for timber harvesting was recently revised for the Town of Woodstock. This new form contains a place for agency response and signature. It did not allow Terry Bellman, Wetlands Agent, the authority to sign off. After discussing the regulations relating to timber harvest, it was decided that the application should also have a place for the wetlands agent sign off. This will be revised and all applications will be reviewed and approved by Terry Bellman from now on and referred to the Agency only when necessary.

MOTION BY MARLA BUTTS, SECONDED BY DIANE WOLFF TO AMEND THE FORM TO INCLUDE AUTHORIZED AGENT SIGNATURE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Timber Harvest Notification:

Mark & Paul Lipman, Hopkins Road

Keith & Michelle Newman, 101 Center Road

After review of the applications, Agency had no concern with proposed work.

MOTION BY MARLA BUTTS, SECONDED BY DAN FRENCH TO AUTHORIZE WETLANDS AGENT TO SIGN OFF ON BOTH APPLICATIONS.

3. Permit application for use of pesticides in state waters

Applications were reviewed by IWWA. Diane Wolff has entered the information into the spreadsheet that she developed in Excel to track pesticides in town water bodies. There is concern that the use of these pesticides may not be monitored enough to determine if they are even effective from year to year. And if they are effective, should there be a maintenance schedule where perhaps less chemical could be used? Year after year applications should raise some concern and is worth following up on. There is discussion on how to proceed. Can we get DEEP to require them to provide information about prior applications when they are asking to target the same organism and to give a reason why this is the best way to accomplish this goal? Marla Butts will contact DEEP and report at the next meeting. She will ask if they can issue conditional approvals and require them to collect data about the effectiveness of the application. There is also discussion about inviting a representative from the associations or the company hired to apply the pesticides to one of our meetings to better understand the process. For the next meeting, we will have a printout showing the different chemicals for the different water bodies and if they are listing particular targets.

VII. Wetlands Agent Activity Report

1. Letter written to Scott & Tracy Parker – 02-07-2012
Chair Parker thanks Tina and Terry for the Notice of Violation letter that was written.
2. Update on Woodstock Academy inspection reports – Discussed reports. E&S controls to be repaired or replaced by Bellman.
3. Signoff for driveway off of Joy Road – Agricultural use as of right – Patty & Erick Taylor

VIII. Communications and bills

1. Legal results ad – Norwich Bulletin - \$84.82 – Signed by Chair Parker
2. 2012 Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioner's Training Program
Dan French, Marla Butts and Diane Wolff would like to be signed up for Segment 2 that will be held at NECCOG on June 6, 2012. Tina will submit the application and fee.
3. Clearscapes Newsletter – Winter 2012

4. Minutes of Woodstock Beautification Committee - 11-29-2011 – Re:
Proposed rain garden.
**Location of rain garden had to be moved. New location will be discussed at
a later date.**

**IX. Adjournment – 9:10 p.m.
MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY DAN FRENCH,
SECONDED BY ANDREW MASSEY. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Lajoie, Clerk
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency